



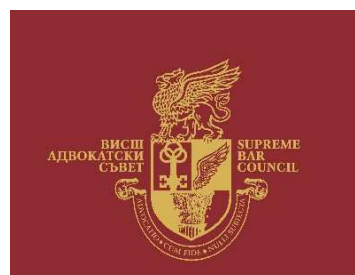
## Joint CCBE-FBE Conference

Sofia Hotel Balkan, 23 June 2022



### The role of lawyers post-pandemic 2022

The dynamics of working in polarised societies, the changing image of lawyers, and the evolution of legal practice



## 14:00 – 14:30 Opening speeches

- President of the Supreme Bar Council, **Ivaylo DERMENDJIEV**



- President of the National Assembly, **Nikola MINCHEV**



- President of the Sofia Bar Association, **Stephan MARCHEV**



- President of the CCBE, **James MacGUILL**



- President of the FBE, **Dominique ATTIAS**



- French Ambassador in Bulgaria, **Florence ROBINE**



- Minister of Justice, **Nadezhda YORDANOVA**



**14:30 – 15:00 Keynote speech by Jeroen OUWEHAND**, Global Senior Partner, Clifford Chance Amsterdam

Social responsibility of law firms – How to reconcile the obligation of lawyers to represent their clients according to the law on the one hand, and public interest concerns on the other?



**15:00 – 15:30 Keynote speech by Rupert COWPER-COLES**, Partner at RPC London

How to counter abusive litigation such as strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)?



**15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**

**15:45 – 16:45 Panel discussion on promoting social responsibility and countering abusive litigation**

**Moderator:** **Bas MARTENS**, Vice-President of the European Bars Federation (FBE)



**Panellists:**

- **Jean-Marc GOLLIER**, Chair of the CCBE Environment and Climate Change Committee



- **Margarete von GALEN**, Former CCBE President



- **Michael GRIEM**, President of the Frankfurt Bar



- **Panellist from the Bulgarian Bar** (TBC)

**16:45 – 17:45: Panel discussion on innovation and the digitalisation of legal practice**

**Moderator:** **Izabela KONOPACKA**, Vice-President of the European Bars Federation (FBE)



**Panellists:**

- **Agnieszka POTERALSKA**, Member of the FBE New Technology Committee



- **Thierry WICKERS**, CCBE Third Vice-President and former Chair of the CCBE Future of the legal profession and legal services Committee



- **Iain MITCHELL**, Vice-Chair of the CCBE Surveillance Committee



- **Panellist from the Bulgarian Bar (TBC)**



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